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## Saves \$82,235 On School Cost

### Supt. of Schools at Beverly Hills Gives Advantages of Divorcing from Los Angeles District

"A saving of \$82,235 will be made by Beverly Hills taxpayers this year by virtue of owning and controlling the Beverly Hills High School which was taken over by this community from the Los Angeles district."

says E. J. Hummel, superintendent of schools, in a statement published last week in the Beverly Hills Citizen, leading newspaper of the community published by Bill Rogers, son of the late actor-humorist.

The announcement is of particular interest to Torrance residents who are shortly to vote upon a city charter which, if adopted, will separate this city also from the Los Angeles City School District. Continuing, the Beverly Hills newspaper story says:

"This figure (\$82,235 saving) represents the first 'dividend' to property owners here from the high school 'divorce' proceedings. In future years the amount promises to be even greater and is expected to run consistently close to the \$100,000 mark, the figures predicted by proponents of the 'divorce' plan.

"Computation of the savings was made by Superintendent Hummel based on the comparative high school rate in Beverly Hills of 34 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation as against 50 cents, the rate this year in the Los Angeles district. The saving is 16 cents, or more than \$80,000 total on the \$51,000,000 assessed valuation of Beverly Hills.

"Beverly Hills taxpayers will receive the entire benefit of the 16 cent reduction since they would be paying the full 50-cent rate if our high school was still in the Los Angeles district," Mr. Hummel said. "Every resident of this community this year saves substantially as a result of the high school acquisition."

#### Profit by Comparison

Unlike Torrance, Beverly Hills for many years has owned and conducted its own elementary schools, only the high school being part of the Los Angeles district. Thus Beverly Hills was able to fairly compare the efficiencies and economies of the Los Angeles district operation with locally owned schools. And because of the favorable features of their locally owned elementary schools with the Los Angeles controlled high school, Beverly Hills residents over a year ago voted to withdraw their schools entirely from the Los Angeles jurisdiction. No doubt the saving noted by Superintendent Hummel would have been much larger had he included the excess cost of having the elementary schools operated by Los Angeles, as is the case in Torrance.

## Patron

### bewails loss Of Mail

There's a man in Harbor City who has probably heard the old story about the little boy who was moving away from his old home town. The lad went around bidding farewell to all the familiar places and finally looked up into the sky and said, "Goodbye God, we're going to Indiana."

The Harbor City man has been having trouble getting his mail and finally took the matter up with the higher authorities. He writes to the mail carrier on his route as follows:

"Postman. Please note that I have not been getting all mail sent to me properly addressed. Some of which was important and caused trouble and expense.

"Postmaster General wrote me that complaint had been turned over to Assistant Postmaster General. I also took it up with the Lord, although I doubt if He knows where in (a well-known winter resort) to look for Harbor City.

"I know it is no fault of yours. But I may have to give up the box."

## Mrs. King Plans Subdivision

Mrs. Fanny C. King, 1324 Sartori avenue, well known real estate dealer, recently completed a deal for the purchase of the M. L. May property at 1638 Marcellina avenue. The property consists of a two-story house with a four-family flat building at the rear of the lot. Mrs. King and her son, Thomas, who is associated with her in business, are planning shortly to put on the market a subdivision at Carson and Main streets, across from the Carson street school, and will erect an office on the property at once. The lots, with all improvements in and paid, will be placed on sale at a moderate price.

#### OBJECTS TO DUSTY ALLEYS

Myron J. Kingsbury, 1214 Beech avenue, in a communication to the city council Tuesday asked that something be done to lay the dust in the alley adjacent to his property. The matter was referred to the street department.

#### CORRECTION

Through a typographical error in the price of Fabco Linoleum advertised by the Miller Furniture Co., in a box on the front page of the Tri-City Shopping News was inserted as 3 square yards for \$5.00. The correct price is "3 square yards for \$1.00"

## Charter Vote May Be Held In November

### Freeholders Expect To Complete Long Task Next Week; Legality Next

While the draft of the city charter is practically completed it is not probable that the document will be ready for submission to vote until the general election in November, Carleton B. Bell, chairman of the Board of Freeholders, stated today.

There are a few minor matters to be agreed upon among the members of the charter drafting board, Bell stated, but that he expected all these would be adjusted at the next meeting of the freeholders on Monday evening. Before the charter is handed over to the city council, however, the freeholders plan to have the entire document checked by a competent authority on municipal law. It is anticipated that Leo Burke, attorney for the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities, will agree to do this work, which will require at least 30 days.

This brings the time for submitting the charter to the electorate so close to the November election, that Mr. Bell said he expected the city council will decide to put it on the November ballot in order to save the expense of a special election.

## Bus Service For Students Starts Today

### Fern Avenue School Gains Pupils From Walteria District

Bus service to the schools of the Torrance and Lomita district has been placed on regular schedule, starting this morning, to convey pupils from points near their homes to the schools and return.

The principal change made in the arrangements this semester affects pupils who formerly attended the Walteria school, but who are now included in the Fern avenue school district and will attend this institution. They are pupils who reside along Sepulveda boulevard.

The bus schedules are as follows: Torrance high school, one bus starts at 7:22 a. m. One mile west of Hawthorne on Sepulveda, covering Earl, Eagle, Hawthorne, Spencer, Amie, Torrance boulevard, Cota, Watson.

Torrance elementary, one bus starts at 8:45 a. m. Lawrence and Hilton, 208th street, Torrance boulevard, Carson, Arlington, 220th to school.

Torrance development school, one bus starts at 7:48 a. m. 190th and Western, 158th street, Normandie, Gardena boulevard, Olive (181st), Avalon, 190th, Malp, East Road, 208th, Torrance, Carson, Arlington, 220th, Martina, Plaza del Amo to school.

One bus starts at 7:55 a. m. District line at Wilmington, Dominguez, Alameda, turn around, Dominguez, Wilmington, Carson, Plaza del Amo to development school.

Fern avenue school, one bus starts at 8:05 a. m. Hawthorne, Sepulveda, Earl, Eagle, Hawthorne, Spencer, Amie, Torrance boulevard, Fern avenue to the school.

Former Walteria pupils residing along Sepulveda boulevard

TURN TO STORY 1

## FEDERAL GRANT FOR BUILDINGS MAY BE DENIED

### T. A. C. Requests Showers and Lockers For Proposed Auditorium Addition

Apprehension over the fate of the proposed new administration building adjoining the Torrance civic auditorium as well as the new fire hall on Cravens avenue was expressed this week by city officials when they learned unofficially that President Roosevelt may not sign the city's application for a PWA grant. The application has cleared all channels up to the President, even securing the approval of Secretary Ickes' office in Washington, and the signature of President Roosevelt has been taken for granted.

However, since the President returned from the drought-stricken area in the middle west, it is reported that he is considering the advisability of diverting federal funds from public works projects such as those in Torrance and elsewhere to relief for the farmers. However, no official notification has been received and there is still a possibility that the Torrance grant will be approved.

Mayor Stanger indicated yesterday, however, that denial of the PWA grant would probably not interfere with the erection of the small auxiliary building on the rear of the lot adjacent to the civic auditorium, as there are ample funds in the city budget to pay the entire cost of this building, estimated at \$5,500.

#### Ask For Showers

Construction of this auxiliary building will permit the city to equip the auditorium with tables for serving meals. Upon request of the newly formed Torrance Athletic Club, City Engineer Leonard was authorized to submit estimates for including four showers and 40 lockers in the auxiliary building, so that the auditorium may be used for athletic contests. Leonard stated that if it were decided to include such additional equipment, it may be necessary to make the building larger. Officers of the athletic club recommended the installation of two showers for men and two for women, with sliding doors between the two sections so that they could be opened up and all used for the exclusive use of men or women.

## County Fair Tickets On Sale

General admission tickets to the county fair at Pomona are now on sale at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, price 50 cents, and will be available until Sept. 17, says Secretary L. J. Gilmeister. The fair opens September 18, and pre-sale tickets may be bought here until the day before the opening.

#### APPROPRIATE \$700 FOR PUBLICITY

On recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce, the city council Tuesday authorized an expenditure of \$350 for an advertisement in the March of Progress edition of the Los Angeles Examiner, and another \$350 for a Torrance section in the Southwestern Purchasing Agent, trade paper.

#### BIRTHDAYS OF THE FAMOUS

General Joe Wheeler was born September 10, 1836.

## Open House

### At New Home of Building and Loan Association Saturday

Open house from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. will be the order of the day Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association, which moved into its new home at 1335 Post avenue this week. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends and patrons of this splendid financial institution to visit the new quarters.

The building, formerly occupied by the Automatic Printing Company, has been completely remodeled inside and out and is not only comfortable and commodious but one of the most attractive buildings in the business section. It conforms to the style set by the City of Torrance in the erection of its new civic buildings, even to the lettering of the sign above the door.

The Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association, organized in September 1922, is an outgrowth of the early experience and the enterprise of the late Jared Sidney Torrance, founder of this city.

#### First Venture

In 1885 Mr. Torrance then residing in Gowanda, New York, organized one of the first institutions of its kind in western New York, the Gowanda Co-operative Savings and Loan Association, in a community of only 3500 population. The association grew and prospered, until it is now one of the most important financial houses serving the western part of New York state. From a small beginning the association expanded until it now has a capital of \$5,000,000.

With the success of this early venture in mind, and realizing the beneficial results of its activities, Mr. Torrance cherished the plan of organizing a similar concern in Torrance, the city he had founded, but before he could carry out his ideas he had passed away.

It fell to the late Judge George W. Post to bring the founder's ideas into being and the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association was formed in 1922. Several months later Mr. Post, too, had passed away, but the work he had begun continued on its way until the present date.

#### Reorganized

Several years ago, Torrance C. Welch purchased the majority of stock in the concern which was reorganized with Welch as president. Other officers now serving are J. W. Post, vice president, C. T. Rippey, secretary, and W. E. Bowen, assistant secretary.

One of the original stockholders, Mrs. Jennie T. Welch, is still a member of the organization and holds Certificate No. 1 issued in 1922 which is still in force.

Under Mr. Welch's management the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association weathered the storms of the depression which wrecked many other financial concerns less wisely handled and today the association is in splendid condition, with a record of efficiency and service to the community that is seldom equaled.

During the life of the concern more than 750 loans were made, most of them for the construction of new homes, others for remodeling and refinancing. Probably as many as 500 homes in Torrance have been built through the financial aid of the association.

Until the year 1930 when the financial crisis began to be acutely felt, the Torrance Building and Loan Association had never made a foreclosure, and in the past six years the peak of foreclosures never exceeded \$65,000, of which all but \$33,000 has been liquidated. Of the balance the

properties are in good marketable shape and this sum will shortly be wiped off the books also.

#### Has Always Faid

Throughout all the years, including those of the financial slump, the Torrance Building and Loan Association has never failed to pay interest on its deposits, and even in the most stringent days of the depression permitted its patrons to withdraw their funds as needed, something that few other institutions of its kind were able to do.

Since the reorganization of the association with Welch as president, the Torrance Building and Loan Association has increased its capital to \$40,000 and has in surplus more than \$20,000 in surplus and reserves.

As a direct result of his splendid management of the local concern Mr. Welch has recently been elected a director of the Pomona Building and Loan Association, which is capitalized at \$8,000,000.

#### Serves Home Territory

At a meeting held last week, the board of directors of the association voted to pay interest from September 1, on all new accounts opened this month up to September 15.

Many new loans are being made by the association to local persons who wish to build new homes or improve their present properties. The association serves a wide territory including Torrance, Lomita and adjacent districts outside of the city of Los Angeles. Its policy is now as always being to promote the building interests of the home community, rather than to extend its services farther afield.

Increase in the business of building and loan associations is noted all over the state of California, especially as regards the home mortgage loans accepted for insurance by the Federal Housing Administration, according to an announcement made by George E. Palmer, in charge of these activities.

#### July Shows Gain

A gain of 18.33 percent for the month of July is shown by the figures. The total of accepted loans on August 1 was \$3,954,335 as compared with \$3,327,775 on July 1.

"It is especially significant that \$556,160 of these July loans were for the construction of new homes, at an average of \$4,303 each," said Mr. Palmer. "This brings the total of such new construction loans to \$2,827,120, which is 13.27 percent of the grand total of \$21,305,252 loaned by all lending institutions in California and accepted for insurance by the Federal Housing Administration."

## Co-Ordinating Council Meeting

Members of the Torrance co-ordinating council will meet to elect officers next Wednesday, Sept. 16, and discuss matters pertinent to the purpose of the organization. The meeting will be held in the court room at the new city hall, at 3:30 p. m., and all members are requested to attend.

#### FAMOUS EVENTS

General Burnside occupied Nashville, Tennessee, September 10, 1863.

## NOMINATION IS ASSURED



CONGRESSMAN CHAS. J. COLDEN

Inclusion of absentee voters' ballots will swell Congressman Charles J. Colden's lead over Lee Geyer for nomination on the Democratic ticket to approximately 377 votes, thus removing all doubt as to Colden's nomination, the Herald learned today from usually reliable sources. Release of official figures, however, must await the meeting of the Board of Supervisors tomorrow, Friday.

Geyer's boast that he would receive some 300 additional votes from absentee voters was somewhat ambitious, it seems, as he is reported to have benefited by only 35 votes from this source. On the other hand, Colden is credited with 49 absentee votes, according to unofficial reports.

Final figures are unofficially reported as follows: Colden, 15,609; Geyer, 15,232.

J. J. O'Toole, Torrance candidate for membership on the Democratic Central Committee, is reported unofficially to have run second high in the list of 15 elected on the committee.

## LAW SHOULD work both ways SAYS STANGER

Los Angeles city officials are due to receive an unexpected reaction to the proposed new fire ordinance which would require neighboring communities to pay the cost of extinguishing fires outside the city of Los Angeles by the L. A. fire department. On learning of the proposed ordinance, Mayor Stanger suggested that City Attorney Rippey communicate with the city attorney of Los Angeles and ask that provision be made in the L. A. ordinance for re-imbursing Torrance for the cost of answering fire calls in the L. A. Shoestring Strip.

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## Olympic Member At Rotary Tonight

Dr. C. H. (Dutch) McCallister, of Long Beach, a member of the Olympic Games water polo team, will be the speaker tonight at the Torrance Rotary Club. Dr. McCallister will give his views of the Olympic Games and is prepared to answer questions. Last week, Louis Zamperini was the guest of the local Rotary Club.

## HARRY ISAACS WIDELY KNOWN OIL MAN, DIES

### Brother of Fred Isaacs, General Petroleum Executive, Chamber Director, Dies

The sudden death of Harry H. Isaacs, brother of Fred Isaacs, superintendent of refineries of the General Petroleum Corporation, and director of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, came as a shock to his wide circle of friends in the oil industry. Mr. Isaacs passed away at his home, 616 N. Hudson street, Los Angeles, after partaking of his dinner, Monday evening. An acute attack of gastritis was given by physicians as the cause of his death.

Mr. Isaacs has been identified with the oil industry for the past 25 years, twenty years of which he was associated with the General Petroleum Corporation, first as a surveyor and later being promoted to the refining department where he was elevated to the position of superintendent of refineries, the post now held by his brother, Fred. Later, Mr. Isaacs was named manager of the corporation's engineering department, from which position he resigned five years ago to form the Vernon Tool Company, which industry he headed at the time of his death.

The deceased was born at White Plains, New York, 49 years ago. He was a member of Al Malakiah chapter of the Shrine at Los Angeles, the Wilshire Country Club, and the Jonathan Club. Besides his wife and brother, Fred, a daughter, Helen, student at Stanford University, survives.

## Keystone Girl Weds Tuesday

Miss Ruth Lucille Nahmens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Nahmens, 204 Carson street, Keystone, became the bride Tuesday, September 8, of Harvey W. Adams, 512 Redondo avenue, Long Beach, at a ceremony performed in the Wee Kie's of the Heather, at Forest Lawn, Glendale.

Rev. Charles Swift of the Christian Church, Wilmington, read the service. The bride was attired in a white satin gown with train, a lace halo cap and long tulle veil. She carried a shower bouquet of white bride's roses and bouquet.

Attendants were Mrs. E. A. Jarrett, matron of honor, Blossom Rogue, Estella Gorky, and Phyllis Smith. Joe Cunningham was best man, Richard Potter, Don Smith and Elwood Nahmens ushers.

Dr. Roland Diggle gave the organ recital and played the wedding march with Madeline Paxton as soloist. A reception was given at the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Adams will reside in Long Beach.

## Permit Issued For Oil Derrick

Permit to erect an oil derrick, cost \$5000, was issued this week to Day & Dilley. The rig is going up at 2008 231st street, South Torrance.

Miss M. B. Strain took out a permit for the erection of a new stucco dwelling, \$3000, at 1412 Cota avenue.

# 3-DAY SILVER FESTIVAL STARTS TODAY!

Read All About This Gala Celebration on Front Page, Section B